Programmes telecast on Madurai Doordarshan Kendra

2168. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of languages in which programmes are made at Madurai Doordarshan;

(b) whether programmes are made in Sourashtra language;

(c) if so, how many programmes have been made; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that the programmes are mainly made in Tamil and occasionally in English also.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Prasar Bharati has informed that while the activities of the people of Sourashtrain origin living in the Madurai region are noticed in the programmes made by DDK, Madurai and at present there is no proposal to produce programmes in Kathiyawari dialect from there.

New norms for immigration clearance

2169. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the new norms of getting immigration clearance has put great difficulty for those who are seeking jobs abroad, especially for thousands of Keralites who are seeking jobs in Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the measures under consideration by which the poor job seekers hardship is minimized; and

(c) the reasons that let to a situation that thousands with employment Visa from Gulf countries are languishing without getting immigration clearance and their Visa, which they have collected wih great difficulty and by spending lot of money is getting expired?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No new norms have been introduced.